

CALVERT's office and the staff on the Resources Committee, Bob Faber and Ken Fisher. Without their tireless efforts on this bill, I do not know where we would be today.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Salton Sea Authority for their informed input in crafting this bill. Their efforts have been commendable, and I appreciate their assistance.

IN MEMORY OF COL. (R) WILLIAM
S. STARKE, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to say a few words in tribute to the late Col. (R) William S. Starke, Jr. Col. Starke, a loyal and dedicated soldier and a good friend of mine through the years, recently passed away at the age of 80.

Col. Starke, a native of Lexington, MO, entered the United States Army as a private in 1942. He served until 1970, when he retired as a colonel. During his distinguished career, William Starke fought as a tank commander during World War II in France, Germany, and Austria and saw combat in Korea. His other military tours included Turkey, Alaska, and Iran.

William Starke was one of three brothers who served in the Army. He married Heidi Maria Bauer of Vienna, Austria, in 1947, and they had five children.

After retirement, William Starke worked for Boatmen's Bank and in real estate development in Dixon, Missouri. He was a member of the Elks Club and several military service organizations including the Heartland Chapter of the 11th Armored Division.

Col. Starke is survived by his wife, Heidi, four children, 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Mr. Speaker, William Starke was a dedicated soldier and a true friend throughout his military career and beyond. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this fine Missourian.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH
BIRTHDAY OF LENA C. PRETSCH

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on July 27, 1998, Lena C. Pretsch, a constituent of mine from Payson, Arizona, will be celebrating her seventieth birthday with her family and friends. Lena is dedicated to serving her family, her community, and her country.

Lena grew up in Bloominglen, Pennsylvania where she met her husband, Joe, when he returned from World War II. She left Pennsylvania behind and joined her husband traveling around the world with the Army for twenty years. During those years, she also raised two sons, Roger and Richard, and a daughter, Kathy.

While patriotism runs in the family, Roger has stated that few Americans embrace their

patriotic duties as passionately as his mother did in times of need. During World War II as a teenager, Lena volunteered to read to blind soldiers recovering from wounds received in battle. Her voice soothed and comforted many young men in their time of need. Many years later, as she saw her own son off to the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, she helped send 15,000 Christmas cards to the paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Her son and the soldiers will never forget the Christmas cards they received in the desert.

Every Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July, Lena organizes a volunteer group that places 500 to 600 flags around the town of Payson. She also had a giant flag pole built along Highway 87 so visitors coming into town would see the American flag. She even convinced Governor Symington to declare Payson the Flag Capital of Arizona because of the group's efforts.

Along with her flag activities, Lena chairs the Governor's committee for the Americans with Disabilities Act. She helps plan events throughout the state to increase awareness of the contributions disabled people make to our society. She also remains active with the city council and her church.

As an ordinary citizen, Lena may not have made headlines with her contributions, but she has made an impact on the lives around her. Congratulations on your seventieth birthday, Lena. And thank you for your service.

FREEMASONRY'S LASTING
TRIBUTE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia, and the Freemasons of this nation who gather for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington Monument.

Mr. Speaker, this monument to our first President, himself a Mason, retains the distinction of being the tallest freestanding masonry structure in the world. It is my privilege to enter into the RECORD information from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia.

The Masons of the United States, having played a major role in the funding and erection of the Washington Monument, also have a major role in the current restoration effort. The cornerstone of the structure honoring the Father of our country was laid on July 4, 1848, by the Freemasons of America, with our own Past Grand Master, Benjamin B. French presiding. In these duties, he was assisted by the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Other Masons in attendance included representatives and members of Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Texas, and of the Grand Royal Arch Masons of Maryland.

Records of the occasion inform us that the procession to the site consisted of the President and Vice President of the United States, and of the Heads of Departments, the Senate and the House of Representatives;

Foreign Ministers, distinguished strangers, and of the civil and military services. Also in the group were representatives of the Independent Order of the Oddfellows, the Order of the Red Men, Rechabites, and other Temperance and Benevolent Societies. But it was a Masonic day, and it was the Freemasons of the District of Columbia who were responsible for seeing that the ceremonies were in accord with Masonic custom and protocol.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Grand Master French presented the architect, Robert Mills (also a Mason), the working tools of his profession with these words: "I now present you, my Brother, the square, level, and plumb, which are the working tools you are to use in the erection of this monument. You, as a Freemason, know to what they morally allude: the plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue, and remembering that we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. Never forgetting this sublime moral lesson, you are here to use them practically in your profession. Look well to the erection of this national monument; see that every stone is squared, and that it is placed in its position both level and plumb, that the noble offering of a nation to commemorate greatness, patriotism, and virtue, may stand until the end of time."

Mr. Speaker, I invite the Members in this hallowed chamber to join me in remembering the Masonic stones at the monument and the ongoing support provided by Grand Lodges and Lodges of Freemasons across America.

HONORING DORIS WEATHERFORD
AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SUFFRAGIST MOVEMENT

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I announce the publication of Doris Weatherford's book, *A History of the American Suffragist Movement*. Doris Weatherford, who is a constituent of mine from Tampa, is a professor at the University of South Florida and is known for her accomplishments in the area of women's history.

The summer of 1998 marks the 150th anniversary of the Seneca Fall's Convention. At this convention, Elizabeth Cady Stanton authored the Declaration of Sentiments. The Declaration became the primary agenda for women's activism. Weatherford's book discusses women's history as one of the most dramatic political battles ever fought. Beginning with Anne Hutchinson and ending with the final ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, her book is a complete depiction of the struggle for women's equality in the United States. The women's suffrage movement was a multi-century struggle that extended freedom to half of our nation. Strength, courage, and passion are the reasons why these women battled for what they so rightfully deserved, freedom.

Her other publications include the following: *Milestones: A Chronology of American Women's History*, *American Women's History: An A-Z of People, Organization, Issues, and Events*, *American Women in World War II*, and *Foreign and Female: Immigrant Women in America, 1840-1920*. In 1994, she received

the National Order of Women Legislators Hall of Fame Award. Also, in 1995 during Florida's Annual Civil Rights Conference, she received one of five awards commissioned by the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

I would like to ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Doris Weatherford's contribution to the continuing legacy of women's history.

STEVE SCHIFF AUDITORIUM

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of serving with Steve Schiff on the Science Committee ever since Steve was elected to Congress.

As the Chairman of the Basic Research Subcommittee, Steve worked to ensure that our national investment in research and development were properly spent to maintain our nation's scientific and technological preeminence. Steve's stewardship of the Basic Research Subcommittee served our nation and his home district of Albuquerque well—especially the Sandia National Laboratory. Steve knew that Federal laboratories, such as Sandia, are one of our greatest assets and he did all he could to protect the important role they play in our nation's scientific research and development enterprise, such as leading the fight to stop a national laboratory closure commission. So, it is only fitting that today we honor Steve's memory by designating the auditorium at the Sandia Technology Transfer Center as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium."

Steve was committed not just to Albuquerque, Sandia, and scientific basic research development, but also committed to fairness and equity. He displayed his character in his many

years as a prosecutor in New Mexico, but also as the Chair of the House Ethics Committee. Steve was the sort of man who was guided not by the politics of an issue, but went where his sense of right and wrong took him.

As a result of our actions today, generations will be able to go to Sandia and remember everything that Steve stood for, so that his memory and his example will continue to live on even after his passing.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS AND CATHERINE LAWLER OF SMITHTOWN ON THEIR 57TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this historic chamber to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Catherine and Thomas Lawler, of Smithtown, Long Island, as they celebrate their blessed 57th wedding anniversary today.

I believe, as many Members of this esteemed body do, that marriage is the bedrock of our society, the foundation on which all of our values, beliefs and hopes for the future stand. So it is altogether fitting that we, as National leaders, should take a moment to honor Catherine and Thomas Lawler for the love, devotion and faith that they have given each other and their marriage for 57 years.

From that blessed moment when they first met outside Morris Egan's store in Greenpoint, Brooklyn in August of 1940, Catherine and Thomas have been committed to each other. That devotion was sanctified by God on July 16, 1941 at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Their love for each other and their faith in God has been returned to

them many times over in the form of nine beautiful children—Thomas, Catherine, George, Anne, John, Mary, Theresa, Ellen and Michael.

Their abundant blessings necessitated several moves to bigger homes, in order to accommodate their growing family. At one point, Thomas and Catherine invested in an acre of land in Smithtown, Long Island, the place they referred to as their "summer home." By 1953, they moved the entire Lawler family to the new house of Ledgewood Drive, where they have called home since.

Wherever the Lawlers called home, their faith in God and family have remained firm, sustaining them in hard times—such as the tragic death of their daughter Mary at six months—or the many good times that visited this wonderful family. In the good Lord's own way, the blessings bestowed upon Catherine and Thomas have multiplied many times, not the least of these blessings being their 40 grandchildren.

All of this demonstrates the values, caring and commitment that Thomas and Catherine offer their community, attributes that have served their marriage and have made our Long Island community an even better place by their example. The foundation of the Smithtown community, indeed all of Long Island, has been strengthened for the past 57 years by the love, commitment and, yes, hard work that Thomas and Catherine have demonstrated.

As a community, we witness and even enjoy the many blessings and gifts bestowed upon Lawlers, who give so much themselves to others. It is through their example that all of us can truly understand the meaning of family values. Mr. Speaker, I ask that this entire chamber join me in offering our praise and heartiest congratulations to Catherine and Thomas Lawler on this blessed anniversary. A union as blessed as theirs will surely endure forever.